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PERFORMANCE OF INFORMATION  
RETRIEVAL-TYPE TASKS BY  
IDENTIFYING THE RELATIONS OF  
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Sir:

In compliance with the Interview Summary mailed on June 4, 2003 we have re-stated the information contained in the Amendment After Final mailed on June 9, 2003. The information is believed to be in compliance with the request from the Interview Summary.

On June 3, 2003 an Examiner interview was held between Examiner Pardo and Applicant's attorneys Nathan M. Rau and Joseph R. Kelly. During the interview the Applicants explained the novel features of the present invention in view of the prior art of record, namely the Turtle and Liddy references. Following a thorough discussion of the features of the present invention and the teachings of the prior art, the Examiner indicated that the rejections of claims 3, 13, 23, 33, 62, 63 and 65 as well as those claims that depended either directly or indirectly from these claims had been overcome in view of the prior art of record. Therefore, in light of the Examiner's indication and the outcome of the interview reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

During the interview, the Examiner authorized the Applicant to amend claim 1 to include additional language following the them "relation". Therefore, the Applicant is amending claim 1 to include the limitation that the "obtained set of relations" includes grammatical relations or case. This additional language is provided in the Specification. The Examiner indicated that subject to further search of the prior art that claim 1 is amended also overcame the rejections based on the prior art currently of record. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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